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THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1897.

FACTS TO BE REMEMBERED.

1. "The minority representation" plan  
has not been used in Richmond in any  
gubernatorial election contest for twenty  
years.

2. In the gubernatorial contest of 1893  
there was a primary election and each  
precinct here elected its own delegates.

3. Excepting Richmond and three Hen-  
rico precincts on the borders of this city,  
no other communities in this State have  
adopted the minority plan. Everywhere  
else the candidate who is the strongest  
gets the vote of the election division  
that is voting for delegates to the Ron-  
oke convention. In short, other com-  
munities may easily give their solid votes  
for their favorite candidates, while under  
our plan our city is practically prohibited  
from doing so.

Query: Is our plan fair to Richmond?  
If it is to become a precedent here how  
can we ever hope to make our city's in-  
fluence properly felt in State and district  
conventions?

JUBILEE LESSONS.

Queen Victoria's jubilee celebration is  
a most interesting study in many of its  
aspects. One of its most interesting  
and instructive features was the objec-  
t-lesson presented by the great London  
parade of Tuesday, in the matter of il-  
lustrating the dominating influence of  
that division of the white race we are  
wont to term Anglo-Saxon. Never be-  
fore in the history of the world, per-  
haps, were there gathered together rep-  
resentatives of so many different races  
and so many diverse religions to do  
homage to a sovereign. And there is  
no doubt that the homage was sincere,  
whether rendered by the proud and in-  
tellectual Hindoos through one of their  
princes riding in the Queen's train,  
or by African Hausas, through soldiers  
marching in the procession. This phase  
of the spectacle strikingly emphasized  
the inherent force of the Anglo-Saxon,  
or more properly, Briton, made more  
forceful by the institutions he has been  
developing for centuries.

But this is not all. Invaluable as we  
may against Britain's ruthless land-  
grabbing policy, and the harsh measures  
that have too often characterized her in-  
itial steps in reducing to subjection the  
peoples of newly acquired or "colonized"  
territorial areas, we must recognize in  
this and other phases of the jubilee a  
tribute to British justice and genius for  
governing. As compared with Great  
Britain, all other European nations are  
practically failures as colonizing  
Powers. Next to Great Britain come  
France and Germany, in the matter of  
pushing colonization. But the history of  
French colonization is becoming every  
day more and more a record of misrule  
and unprofitableness, and German col-  
onization is largely in an experimental  
state, with prospects of any great develop-  
ment hampered by German governmental in-  
stitutions at home. As for Spain and  
Portugal, which rank among the lead-  
ing exploring and colonizing Powers of  
the past, there remains to them but the  
thin and meagre shadow of an expansive  
substance.

Great Britain, however, has advanced  
steadily in acquiring territory, in mak-  
ing her colonization enterprises pay,  
and in binding more closely to the  
mother country most of her possessions  
that may be termed integral parts of  
the empire. To-day the Empire-Queen's  
subjects number over 346,000,000, and  
the empire embraces one-fifth of the  
globe. That vast population, made up  
of as to some of the British posses-  
sions, of very antagonistic elements,  
should for the most part be contented,  
speaks volumes for British justice and  
statesmanship in rule. Indeed, what  
with the testimony of the jubilee, there  
seems only one blot on this justice  
and statesmanship, and that is found in  
the case of Ireland.

The new list of school books just adopted  
by the School Board of Baltimore  
makes more than seventy changes. The  
greatest number of changes is in the  
grammar and primary schools, where  
the bulk of the books are used. Besides  
these a great number of reference books

for pupils and teachers—nearly 200—have  
been added to the list. In the change  
of text-books recommended by the com-  
mittee, the American Book Company is  
the heaviest loser, and the opposition pub-  
lishing houses are the greatest gainers.  
The text-book committee will proceed  
to advertise the list at once, and it is  
thought that bids for supplying the books  
can all be in within thirty days. This will  
give the successful bidder time to sup-  
ply the schools by the reopening in  
September. The outlay for books is an-  
nually about \$50,000, and the sum is paid  
from public funds.

THE FOURTH ESTATE.

United States Judge Robert W.  
Hughes's address upon "Ante-Bellum  
Editors," delivered before the Virginia  
Press Association at Charlottesville on  
Tuesday, was rich in reminiscences.

The chief part of it was devoted to  
Thomas Ritchie, John Hampden Pleas-  
ants, and John Moncure Daniel—the  
trio of editors who made great names  
for themselves and for the Enquirer,  
Whig, and Examiner.

All three of these papers survived the  
war and continued publication for some  
years thereafter, but finally succumbed  
to competition. But Mr. Ritchie and  
Mr. Pleasants died long before the war.

The former is buried in Hollywood and  
the latter in Shoenock Cemetery. Mr.  
Daniel died but a few days before the  
evacuation of Richmond, and he, too,  
is buried in Hollywood. Him Judge  
Hughes knew best of all, having filled  
the Examiner's editorial chair while  
Mr. Daniel was representing our country  
as Minister to Sardinia, and having  
been Daniel's most valued editorial con-  
tributor upon the latter's resignation of  
duty upon the Examiner.

Judge Hughes also referred to Mr.  
James A. Cowardin, as his "lifelong  
friend, the ideal journalist and typical  
editor of his day," and had appreciative  
words for Roger A. Pryor, James Bar-  
row Hope, William E. Cameron, Robert  
Ridgway, Alex. Moseley, Richard H.  
Toler, Joseph Bryan, J. B. Sener, Dr.  
Jeter, and others.

Apocryph of "the fourth estate," we  
observe that Judge Hughes is quoted  
as saying that "the three estates—King,  
Lords, and Commons—have coexisted a  
goodly time in England," &c., &c.

We dare say that Judge Hughes, who  
is learned in English history, as well  
as in law and journalism, must have  
some good ground for including the King  
as a member of the three estates; but  
most of the authorities are against him.  
Certainly the Century Dictionary and the  
Standard Dictionary are. Each of these  
gives as the definition of the "three es-  
tates" in England, the lords temporal  
and spiritual, and the commons. However,  
the Century quotes A. F. Poulton as say-  
ing:

"The united Kingdom of Great Brit-  
ain and Ireland is governed by its  
King or Queen and two houses of Par-  
liament. These are commonly known as  
the 'Three Estates of the Realm'; but  
this phrase properly applies to the  
three classes of which Parliament is  
composed—viz., the Lords Spiritual, the  
Lords Temporal, and the Commons."

The Encyclopedia Britannica says that  
the fancying that the three estates are  
the king, lords, and commons, "is of  
respectable antiquity."

In its article upon this subject, the  
Britannica shows that that mistaken  
view long obtained. Indeed, some schol-  
ars contend for it to this day.

We submit the question to Judge  
Hughes as containing, possibly, the  
germ of an interesting inquiry that  
might be useful either for another valua-  
ble address or for a newspaper publi-  
cation.

OUR CUBAN TRADE.

The terrible effects of the war in Cuba  
upon the trade between that island and  
this country are strikingly set forth in  
cold figures presented by Chief Hitch-  
cock, of the foreign markets section of  
the Department of Agriculture at Wash-  
ington.

According to this authority, the total  
volume of commercial transactions be-  
tween the two countries during the  
fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, just prior  
to the outbreak of the revolution, was  
\$102,864,204, while for the year ending with  
the present month it will be only about  
\$20,000,000. Shipments of Cuban sugar to  
the United States, it appears from Chief  
Hitchcock's exhibit, reached their highest  
aggregate in 1894, when they amounted  
to \$3,147,745, while for the nine months  
ending March 31 of the present year,  
they were only \$4,251,664. In 1893 Cuba  
shipped tobacco into this country worth  
\$5,900,000, but the shipments for the nine  
months ending with March of this year,  
amounted to only \$1,681,099. Our exports  
to Cuba averaged \$1,000,000 a year for  
ten years prior to 1893; now they are  
but little more than \$5,000 a year.

When it is remembered that these  
figures are thrown out from a back-  
ground, caused by Spain, of devastated  
plantations, bankrupt industrial enter-  
prises, butchery, and pestilence, truly,  
the Cuban picture becomes a harrowing  
one, and it is easy to understand the  
determination of the insurgents to fight  
for independence to the bitter end.

Washington and Lee University the  
other day conferred the degree of Doctor  
of Divinity upon the Rev. Frank Page,  
of Texas.

Dr. Page is one of the most distinguished  
alumni of that institution, and is in  
charge of the Episcopal church in Waco,  
one of the largest churches of that de-  
nomination in Texas.

Dr. Page has a large connection and  
a host of friends in Virginia, who ap-  
preciate the honor thus worthily bestowed.  
He is the eldest son of the venerable  
Major John Page, of Hanover county,  
whose extreme illness has caused so  
much anxiety of late to his many friends,  
and is the brother of Messrs. Thomas  
Nelson Page, of Washington, and Rose-  
well Page, of this city.

So far there has been no necessity  
among Richmond people for a summer  
resort, and at the present rate of weath-  
er, so to speak, Richmond will continue  
to be its own best summer resort this  
year, as it generally is, indeed, in most  
respects.

The fact that some 10,000,000 of people  
were on Tuesday crammed into a few  
square miles of territory without catas-  
trophe is something new, and something  
more, that the British have to be proud  
of.

After all the fatigue of the present  
week, the Prince of Wales will proba-  
bly be able to regard with equanimity  
the fact that the probabilities are all  
against a diamond jubilee for him.

But poor Queen Lill! Has anybody  
thought of her? Not only is there no  
jubilee in store for her, but she has  
over 300 years more to live.

## MUZZLING MAD-DOGS.

We learn from the Baltimore American  
that the New York Board of Health has  
taken a sensible step in recommending  
that the wholesale shooting down in the  
streets of dogs, supposed to be mad,  
shall cease, and the suspected animals  
be handed over to the care of the Anti-  
Cruelty Society for determination as to  
their real condition. The board also  
publishes, says the American, "some  
timely remarks about the exercise  
of common sense in this regard,  
pointing out that the mere frothing  
at the mouth is no sign of mad-  
ness, as the dog naturally perspires  
through the mouth, and either heat or  
excitement, in harmless degree, will pro-  
duce froth. As there is no doubt that  
hysterical fright is responsible for many  
deaths from supposed hydrophobia, this  
caution as to extravagant ideas on the  
subject is well worth consideration."

We are glad to see that the New  
York Board of Health's suggestions are  
in line with the Dispatch's; but the board  
does not seem to have been sufficiently  
impressed with the fact that it is very  
hard to find a man who is willing to muzz-  
le mad-dogs.

There's the rub. In some few cities,  
where nets may be easily gotten to  
throw over the "mad-dogs," the board's  
advice will be practical, but in the great  
majority of places it will not be.

The average man who is called upon  
to capture, chain, and muzzle an alleged  
mad-dog, will think twice before he does  
it. That it would be to the public in-  
terest to cage dogs that are under suspi-  
cion, especially where they have bitten  
people, the Dispatch has time and  
again argued. The captive dog could  
then be closely observed by experts.  
Should he show unmistakable signs of  
hydrophobia, he could and should be  
killed. On the other hand, should he  
prove to be free from that dreadful dis-  
ease, that fact would be of infinite com-  
fort to those who had been bitten by him.

It is more than probable that many  
persons have died from the bites of  
dogs that were erroneously supposed to  
be mad. As the New York Board of  
Health truly says, because a dog foams  
at the mouth is no proof that he is mad.

Our advice, therefore, is that the sus-  
pected dog be captured and chained and  
muzzled, and that he may be safely done.  
But where there are no nets at hand,  
and no person is found willing to risk  
his life in the cause aforesaid, we ex-  
pect the handy revolver to continue to  
be used.

Judge Beiler, of Philadelphia, has re-  
cently laid down the law as to the right  
of a policeman to shoot an escaping  
prisoner, or one he would make a pris-  
oner of. He holds that it is the duty  
of an officer to use as little force as pos-  
sible, and that he must distinguish between  
persons charged with misdemeanors and  
those charged with felonies. So, too,  
it may make a difference whether the  
officer has seen the crime committed, or  
knowledge of it has come to him from  
others. Referring to the case at bar,  
the Judge said:

"The defendant made the arrest in the  
discharge of his sworn duties. As a mat-  
ter of law, when he made the arrest, it  
was his duty to detain that arrest. It  
was likewise his duty to put the pris-  
oner in the station, and then shoot at  
him. It is a question for you, gentlemen  
of the jury. If you believe the de-  
fendant's story, he ought to be ac-  
quitted; he cannot be convicted unless  
it is proved that he shot without authority  
of law."

The bill was given to the jury, and with-  
out leaving their seats, they rendered a  
verdict of not guilty.

It is currently reported in Washington  
that President McKinley will revive the  
arbitration treaty with Great Britain, or  
rather, that he will send to the Senate a  
treaty which is now being prepared, that  
will be free from some of the objections  
to the old treaty, but will not materially  
differ from it.

It takes a two thirds vote of the Senate  
to ratify a treaty. If the new treaty  
shall prove substantially the same as the  
one that was rejected, and the Senate  
ratifies it, the charges as to the influence  
that caused rejection of the first treaty  
will receive decided strength. These  
charges were that some of the Republi-  
can senators wanted McKinley to have  
all the glory of consummating arbitra-  
tion, and that some of the Democratic  
senators were bent on "stabbing" Cleve-  
land at all hazards.

The Democratic idea is a tariff for  
revenue. The Republican actuality is in-  
variably a tariff for robbery.

(Philadelphia Bulletin.)

The death of Mr. Christian K. Ross re-  
vives pathetic memories of a mystery  
which almost twenty years ago was  
threw every head in Philadelphia into  
confusion, and which became for some  
time a matter of discussion throughout  
the country, and which has not yet been,  
and probably never will be, cleared up.

The abduction of the little boy, Char-  
lie, was held to be a crime that it was  
followed immediately by an emphatic de-  
mand for the detection and punishment  
of the villain. The community was ap-  
parently more concerned in bringing them  
to justice than in the recovery of the  
child, or, at least, was unwilling that the  
child should be recovered without se-  
curing them as well. If the zeal which  
was directed to the latter end and less  
applied solely to the former at the be-  
ginning of the long hunt for the little fellow,  
it is altogether likely that he would have  
been promptly restored through ransom  
to his parents.

But the offer of a reward of \$20,000,  
not simply for his recovery, but for the  
public interest, was short-sighted as re-  
gards the latter end, and the fact that  
it set a tribe of policemen and detectives,  
professional and amateur, on all the trails  
possible and impossible, fed the flame of  
public excitement, and made it necessary  
for the scoundrels to look to their own  
safety as the first consideration.

And the extreme and almost quiet-  
ly and adroitly at the start, with less sen-  
sational clamor, and had the reward been  
offered for the child and not for the  
public excitement, and had the reward  
been a size, Mr. Ross might have been  
spared his long and agonizing search and  
the years of despair that followed. It has  
being long since that a man who had  
who had occasion to look into the case  
that the boy was murdered by his cap-  
tivity, and that he was not a free man  
delivered him up without imperiling them-  
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